

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: **Grubb, Borrer**

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to recognize the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters is a youth mentoring organization that serves over 7,500 boys and girls in evidence-based, one-to-one mentoring relationships throughout the state of Indiana, and

Whereas, the Big Brothers Big Sisters program has been the leader in one-to-one youth mentoring service for more than a century, developing positive relationships that have a direct and lasting impact on the lives of young people, and

Whereas, national research has shown that positive mentoring relationships between youth and adult mentors have a direct and measurable impact on children's lives, and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentors selflessly donate countless hours each year to promote the positive development and well-being of thousands of boys and girls by



serving as caring, committed adult role models who listen, support, encourage, and challenge a young person to reach his or her potential, and

Whereas, Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring has been shown to help a young person by improving young people's attitudes toward their parents, peers, and teachers; encouraging students to stay motivated and focused on their education; providing a positive way for young people to spend free time; helping young people face daily challenges; and offering young people opportunities to consider future paths, and

Whereas, in a recent study, researchers found that Little Brothers and Sisters were 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs, 27% less likely to begin using alcohol, 52% less likely to skip school, and

Whereas, youth from across the state of Indiana, who benefit from Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring relationships, have come to the Indiana State House to serve as legislative pages and learn more about the state legislative process, and

Whereas, the State of Indiana wishes to commend Big Brothers Big Sisters organizations in Indiana for providing outstanding services to youth throughout the state; therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives recognize members of the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

